

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

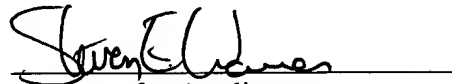
Claims 20-22, 26-32, 37, 40, 41 and 46-53 are presented for consideration. Claims 20, 26-31, 37, 40, 41, 46, 48-50 and 52 are independent. Claims 42-45 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added.

For the reasons set forth in the Amendment filed May 11, 2005, Applicants submit that the present invention, as recited in independent claims 20, 26-31, 37, 40, 41, 46, 48-50 and 52, is patentable over the art of record. Dependent claims 21, 22, 32, 47, 51 and 53 also should be deemed allowable, in their own right, for defining other patentable features of the present invention in addition to those recited in their respective independent claims. Further individual consideration of the dependent claims is requested.

Applicants further submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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